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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

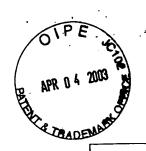
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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Application Number	09/657,276	Dr VE
Filing Date	Seotenber 7, 2000	"CCE"
First Named Inventor	Dominique P. BRIDON et al.	APROVE
Group Art Unit	1617	CA. 9 2002 #
Examiner Name	L. Q. Wells	ERIO
Attorney Docket No.	500862002300	1000/2900

This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114							
	a. 🗷 Previously submitted						
	i.	×	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 previously filed on February 24, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)				
	ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brie	f or Reply Brief p	reviously filed on *		
·	iii.		Other:				
1	b. 🗷 Enclosed						
	i.	×	Amendment/Reply - to Final Office Action of 12/24/02, Paper 16 as filed 2/24/03 - 16 pgs				
	ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)				
	iii.		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) - 3 pgs; PTO-1449 - 1 pg (with 1 reference attached)				
	iv.	×	Other: REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW PRIOR TO EXAMINATION - 2 pgs				
2.	2. Miscellaneous						
	a.   Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1039c) for a period of * months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)						
	b. 🗆	Other:					
3.	Fees	The RCE f	fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.				
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In the application of:

Dominique P. BRIDON et al.

Serial No.:

09/657,276

Filing Date:

September 7, 2000

For:

PROTECTION OF ENDOGENOUS THERAPEUTIC PEPTIDES FROM

PEPTIDASE ACTIVITY THROUGH

CONJUGATION TO BLOOD

COMPONENTS

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Group Art Unit: 1617

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE **ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 24,** 

2002, PAPER 16

Box AF **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2002, Paper 16, for which a response is due on February 24, 2003 in order to provoke an advisory action. As such, this response is timely filed.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.